



**1812 Claim of Widow for Service Pension - transcribed**

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State of Alabama  
County of Dale

On this 29th day of September, AD one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine, personally appeared before me, Clerk of the circuit court, the same being a court of record within and for the County and State aforesaid, (1) Mary Elizabeth Powell, age 90 years, resident of Dale county, in the state of Alabama, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of (2) Jacob C. Powell, deceased, who was the identical (3) Jacob C. Powell, who served under the name of (4) Jacob C. Powell as a (5) private in the company commanded by Captain Marsh (I think) of South Carolina Militia in the War of 1812; that her said husband enlisted at Edgefield, SC on or about the 1st day of March AD 1812 for the term of six months, and continued in actual service in said war for the term of 53 days and whose service terminated by reason of honorable discharge at new Savannah, GA on the 27th of april AD 1813. She furthur states that the following is a full description of her said husband at the time of his enlistment, vz: about 25 years old, \_\_\_\_\_ complexion, blue eyes, rather dark hair, and she further declares that she has heretofore made an application for bounty, land and received a warrant for 120 acres in 1855 and transferred same to Wm. McCall and that her resience is of Dale Co., AL. signed Mary Elizabeth Powell

Attest:  
William Powell  
James Bridges

Also, personally appeared William Powell, aged 85 years, residing in Dale Co., AL and James M. Bridges, aged 70, residing in Dale Co., AL, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they have known the said Mary Elizabeth Powell for 75 years and for 41 years, respectively; that they were present and saw her sign her name (or make her mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with her, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be; and they further say that they are able to identify her as the person who was the wife of the identical Jacob C. Powell who rendered the service alleged in the above application (in the company of Captain Marsh, in the regiment of the SC Militia in the war of 1812) by the following named facts and circumstances, viz: from personal knowledge of the marriage by witness Powell, and from being neighbors and seeing them live together as husband and wife by witness Bridges and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

witnesses:  
Thomas Sheffield,  
James T. Beasley  
William Powell  
James Bridges

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of September A.D. 1879; and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration were fully made known and explained to the applicant and the witnesses before swearing, including the words six months, erased, and the words 53 added, and that I ahve no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

# CLAIM OF WIDOW FOR SERVICE PENSION,

Under the provisions of Sections 4736 to 4740, (inclusive,) Revised Statutes, and the Act of March 9th, 1878.

N. B. - All the blank spaces in this form must be carefully filled up in accordance with the instructions on the back hereof, and from the best information possessed, or obtainable, by the applicant.

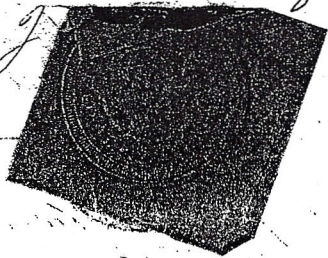
State of Alabama }  
County of Dale } ss:

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine, personally appeared before me, Clayton of the Circuit Court, the same being a court of record within and for the county and State aforesaid, (1) Mary Elizabeth Powell aged 70 years, a resident of Dale County, in the State of Alabama, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of (2) Jacob G. Powell deceased, who was the identical (3) Jacob C. Powell who served under the name of (4) Jacob C. Powell as a (5) Private in the Company commanded by Captain Manuel C. Smith in the Regiment of South Carolina Militia commanded by \_\_\_\_\_ in the war of 1812; that her said husband (6) resided at Edgfield S. C. on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, A. D. 1813, for the term of 3 months, and continued in actual service in said war for the term of (7) 57 days, and whose services terminated, by reason of, (8) honorable discharge, at New South Wales Ga. on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, A. D. 1813. She further states that the following is a full description of her said husband at the time of his enlistment, viz: about 25 years old, brown complexion, blue eyes, rather dark hair, fairer, about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches. She further states that she was married to the said Jacob C. Powell at the city (or town) of \_\_\_\_\_ in the county of Edgfield District, and in the State of South Carolina, on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, A. D. 1811 by one (9) Mathew Potts, who was a (10) Magistrate; and that her name before her said marriage was Mary Elizabeth Caley; and she further states that (12) Neither she or her said husband has been previously married and that her said husband (13) Jacob C. Powell, died at New Rome Road, in the State of Alabama on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, A. D. 1853.

and that she has not again married; and she further declares that the following have been the places of residence of herself and her said husband since the date of his discharge from the Army, viz: (14) in Edgfield District S. C. until 1835, since from that time until his death in Dale Co. Ala. that her said husband received a land warrant upon his death and she received another warrant in 1850 and transferred same to Mrs J. W. C. Caley. She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the pension to which she may be entitled under Sections 4736 to 4740, (inclusive,) Revised Statutes, and the Act of March 9th, 1878, and hereby appoints Wm. M. Caley, of Opuntia Ala. her true and lawful attorney, to prosecute her claim; and she further declares that she has heretofore made an application for (15) bonny land, and received a warrant for same in 1850 and transferred same to Mrs J. W. Caley

The State of Alabama } I Mel. Echols Judge  
Dale County } of the Probate Court of  
Dale County hereby certify

that George W. Higgins whose genuine signature  
appears to the foregoing Certificate as and was  
at the time of signing the same an acting  
Justice of the peace in and  
for said County and that  
his attestation as such is  
entitled to full faith and credit  
Given under my hand & seal  
of Office at Newton this 10  
day of Sept. 1856



Mel. Echols  
Judge of Probate

Mary E. Powell  
Proof of Marriage and  
Marriage of Mary  
E. Powell wife of  
Jacob E. Powell  
deceased